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Coliseum Commission Approves New Governing Structure

The Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission Wednesday approved a series of reforms to make governance of the historic facility more streamlined and accountable.

The Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), the governing document of the Coliseum, would be amended to cut the size of the Commission, under the proposal passed by the commission. The revised structure was created to meet new needs that would follow a pending revised lease agreement with the University of Southern California.

The revised JPA would cut the size of the nine-member commission to three members, and would contract the commission's daily management functions to Los Angeles County.

"This is the kind of nimble, stable and accountable governing structure the new Coliseum Commission will need in the 21st Century," said Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, who chaired a commission task force to revise the JPA. "When the University of Southern California takes a greater role in managing the Coliseum and Sports Arena, a smaller commission, combined with professional administrators from Los Angeles County, will better serve the commission's more focused mission," Ridley-Thomas said.

Ridley-Thomas noted the County has partnered with other entities to jointly manage facilities ranging from hospitals to the Hollywood Bowl.

To take effect, the revised JPA would have to be approved by the three member agencies governing the Coliseum – the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles and the State of California. The Los Angeles City Council, the Los

Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Board of Directors of the California Science Center would vote to adopt the Coliseum Commission's recommendations.

The Coliseum Commission recommended the revised JPA be considered by the member agencies after a new lease agreement is signed by the University of Southern California and the California Science Center Board of Directors, which is scheduled to occur June 25.

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